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FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2317
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, PINT, US, PK
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST

REF: LAHORE 641

1. AFTER EMBASSY RECEIVED REPORT THAT SIMONS WAS BEING HELD IN LAHORE AIRPORT, CHARGE CALLED DIRECTOR GENERAL (AMERICAS) AT MFA AND PAO CALLED ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, INFORMATION, TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN THAT AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST HAD BEEN DENIED ENTRY INTO PAKISTAN. MIDAFTERNOON, APRIL 16, SIMONS WAS TOLD BY IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT LAHORE AIRPORT THAT BECAUSE OF CHARGE'S CONTACT WITH MFA, PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED TO LET SIMONS ENTER AND REMAIN IN PAKISTAN.

2. WE BELIEVE SIMONS WAS FACED WITH CLASSICAL SOUTH ASIAN CASE OF ONE PART OF GOVERNMENT NOT KNOWING WHAT ANOTHER PART IS DOING. BOTH MFA AND INFORMATION CLAIMED THEY DID NOT KNOW OF DECISION TO DENY SIMONS ENTRY AND SAID THE DECISION WAS CONTRARY TO PAKISTAN'S BEST INTERESTS. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT IMMIGRATION
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AUTHORITIES WERE WORKING FROM "BLACK-LIST", PERHAPS PREPARED DURING MARTIAL LAW DAYS, AND IT TOOK EVENING AND MORNING TO END THE CONFUSION AND ARRANGE FOR SIMONS' ENTRY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CONGEN LAHORE THAT SIMONS WILL BE COMING TO ISLAMABAD THIS EVENING.
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